



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation Regarding the Pakistani and Mexican Independence Day Celebrations, sponsored by the Community Partnership for Families

**MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2004

**PREPARED BY:** Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

---


**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Community Partnership for Families is planning the third annual "Pakistan Independence Day" for Saturday, September 4, 2003, noon to 6 p.m. at Heritage School. The celebration is open to the general public. Its purpose is to celebrate diversity in our community and share the culture and values of the Pakistani community with the general population.

In 2002, the first Pakistan Independence Day began as a small neighborhood gathering to encourage youth leadership and to build bridges between Muslim and other communities living in Lodi. Many agencies, businesses, and private parties joined together in order to accomplish this mission by offering fun, food, music, cultural education, and information regarding social services.

The Partnership went on to establish a Mexican Independence Day celebration as well. This year, the event will again be held September 16<sup>th</sup> 3 pm to 7 pm at Lawrence School. The event is designed to educate and encourage community pride in a family oriented, non-alcoholic setting.

**FUNDING:** Sponsorships

  
Janet L. Hamilton  
Management Analyst

---

APPROVED:

  
Janet S. Keeter, Interim City Manager